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In re PATENT APPLICATION of:
VAN DER SANDE

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Application No.: **10/765,217**

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Examiner: RAYMOND, Brittany L.

Title: TIME-OPTIMAL SETPOINT GENERATOR IN A LITHOGRAPHIC APPARATUS

REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated January 8, 2007, the due date for response to which is February 8, 2007, Applicants hereby elects the invention of Group I, claims 1-11, drawn to a method. This election is made with traverse.

It is respectfully submitted that the restriction requirement is improper as the criteria for a proper restriction requirement set forth in MPEP § 803 has not been satisfied. In particular, it is respectfully submitted that the no serious burden exists to search and examine the entire application and that Applicants believe claims 12-28 describe a process and apparatus related to the method of claims 1-11. It is respectfully noted that the entire application has already been searched and examined. See MPEP § 811.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement are respectfully requested.